

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76A-7 Building Date: 1888 (main block)

Building Name: Manchester Farm (Middleton House)

Location: 5805 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, Maryland

Private/_____/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description:

The Middleton House is a two-story gable-roofed frame structure with entrance through the central bay of the five-bay east (main) facade. The three central bays are covered by a one-story hip-roofed porch with braced posts. The building is one-room deep, with a floor plan consisting of central passage and one parlor on each side. The fireplaces on the interior walls of the parlors are served by two interior chimneys (with corbelled caps) at the ridge. A one-and-one-half-story wing extends one room west of the main house; a one-story kitchen (with cellar room beneath) extends further to the west. South of the house is a pyramidal-roofed frame dairy-house, a tobacco barn constructed of a mixture of hewn and sawn timbers, and a frame tenant house.

Significance:

The main block of the Middleton House was built ca. 1888 by Theodore B. Middleton on the tract known as Manchester (or Deer Pond) which he had received in 1884 out of his father's estate. The house incorporated (as its rear wing) a small one-and-one-half-story structure which had stood on the property previously. This enlarged dwelling was the home of Theodore Middleton's family, and is owned today by the third generation. Never out of the Middleton family, it is now vacant and seriously deteriorated.

Acreage: 10.9 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Manchester

and/or common Middleton House

2. Location

street & number 5805 Old Branch Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Camp Springs ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. Theodore B. Middleton

street & number 5811 Old Branch Avenue telephone no.: 899-7027

city, town Camp Springs, state and zip code Md. 20748

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3934

street & number Main Street folio 597

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state ☒ county ___ local

pository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. 76A-7

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Middleton house is a two-story gable-roofed frame structure with entrance through the central bay of the five-bay east (main) facade. The three central bays are covered by a one-story hip-roofed porch with bracketed posts. The windows are 2/2 double hung sash. The boxed cornice is returned at the gable ends. The building is one-room deep, with a floor plan consisting of a central passage and one parlor on each side. The fireplaces on the interior walls of the parlors are served by two interior brick chimneys (with corbelled caps) at the ridge.

A one-and-one-half story wing extends to the west of the main house, and is understood to have predated the main house which was built in 1888. The wing consists of a pantry/breakfast room with a small bedroom above. A brick chimney rises at the west end of the roof at the ridge. A one-story wing (kitchen) extends further to the west, and has a basement underneath.

South of the house is a pyramidal-roofed frame dairy-house in deteriorated condition. There is also a tobacco barn which is constructed of a mixture of sawn and hewn timbers; its members are mortised, tenoned and pegged. The barn is in deteriorated condition. Further to the south is a frame tenant house which dates from the early twentieth century.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates 1888 (main block) **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The main block of the Middleton house was built ca. 1888 by Theodore B. Middleton on the tract known as Manchester or Deer Pond which he had received in 1884 out of his father's estate. His father, Charles Semmes Middleton, who served as Sheriff of Prince George's County, and as Clerk of the Court (1855-1861) owned an approximately 400-acre farm across the Washington-Tee Bee road (to the east) from the subject house, but was demolished many years ago.¹

The present house was built (ca. 1888) after Theodore B. Middleton's second marriage, probably incorporating as its rear wing a small one-and-half-story structure which had stood on the property previously. This enlarged dwelling served as the home of Theodore Middleton's family, and subsequently of that of his son Ellis O. Middleton, whose widow lived in the house until her death in 1975. The house has been vacant since that time, and is seriously deteriorated, especially by termite damage.²

A one-acre house lot was carved out of the Manchester farm property in the 1930's; on it stands the bungalow which is the present home of the Middleton heirs.

¹ The Middleton's and Kindred Families of Southern Maryland, 1975; Federal Census of Prince George's County 1850-1910; Prince George's County Deeds: JW B #3:376; Tax Assessments for Prince George's County 1850-1907.

² Prince George's County Deeds: #391:212, #687:463,465; #3934:597. Prince George's County Wills: WTD #2:206. Interview with owner, February 1984.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. 76A-7

P.G. County Deeds: #627:465, 463; #391:212; #3934:597; JWB#3:376.
P.G. County Wills: WTD #2:206
P.G. County Tax Assessments 1850-1907; P.G. County Census 1950-1910
Interview with Owner, February 1984; The Middletons and Kindred Families, 1975.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10.9 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Historic Sites Research Coordinator

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date February 1984

street & number c/o Planning Department, CAB

telephone 301-952-3520/779-2011

city or town Upper Marlboro,

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Middleton House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 5805 Old Branch Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Camp Springs				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Florence B. Middleton				
STREET AND NUMBER: 5805 Old Branch Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Camp Springs		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	(Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	(Check One)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The house is a two story frame structure with a five bay main (east) facade. A porch across the three center bays has bracketed posts. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash. The boxed cornice is returned into the gable end. The fireplaces are on the partition walls between the hall and flanking parlors.</p> <p>To the west is a 1-1/2 story wing that was the original house. It has a two bay facade with the entrance in the east bay and a single window at the second story. On the west end is an internal chimney with a brick stack.</p> <p>To the south of the house are a hipped-roofed dairy house and a tobacco barn. The barn has a braced frame of mixed sawn and hewn timbers. The members are mortised, tenoned, and pegged.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE	
PERIOD (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPECIFIC DATA	
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> Above <input type="checkbox"/> Below <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> C
STATEMENT	

B. SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(s) (If Applicable and Known) 1889 (Main Block); rear wing earlier

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION MNCPPC	DATE 10 Dec 73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

Chain of Title

Manchester, the Middleton House P.G. #76A-7

3934:597 26 Apr 1971 Deed	Agnes V. Middleton, personal representative of the estate of Theodore Buchanan Middleton (#20682), to Agnes V. Middleton, individual; 10.9 acres, homeplace of Florence B. Middleton, lot in Spauldings District which Theodore Buchanan Middleton acquired from his grandfather Theodore B. Middleton by his will WTD #2:206; subject to life estate of the said Florence B. Middleton.
GSMcG #9:580 18 Feb 1971 Will	Testator, Theodore Buchanan Middleton; to wife Agnes Viola Middleton, all estate real and personal. Agnes V. Middleton to act as executrix with full power of sale of property.
WTD #2:206 9 Aug 1929 Will	Testator, Theodore B. Middleton; "to Ellis O. Middleton and wife Florence, my home place, 11.9 acres known as Manchester farm where I reside. At their deaths, that farm shall go to their son, Theodore Buchanan Middleton."
JWB #3:376 2 June 1884 Deed	Joseph K. Roberts to Theodore B. Middleton; 199.72 acres known as Manchester or Deer Pond, part of the land of which Charles S. Middleton died possessed, near Redds corner of Camp Springs, on the southwest side of the public road from Washington to TB.
JBB #2:178 19 Mar 1842 Deed	Sarah Tolson to Charles S. Middleton; 258 acres of Deer Pond and Tryall enlarged which she acquired from Theodore Middleton in 1826.
AB #4:342 13 Sept 1826 Deed	Theodore Middleton, Sr. to Sarah Tolson; Deer Pond and Tryall enlarged, 258 acres.
JRm #16:362 22 May 1822 Deed	Stanislaus Hoxton to Theodore Middleton; Triale and Deer Pond enlarged, 408 acres.



INTERCHANGE

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Middleton
House

PG. # 76A-7



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1984

P.G. #76A-7

Middleton farm (Manchester)

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

Barn, from North

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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67
118
P.G. #76A-7

Middleton farm (Manchester)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

Tenant house, from Northeast

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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P.G. #76A-7

Middleton house (Manchester)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

East elevation, house

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Dairy
MD
P.G. #76A-7

Middleton farm (Manchester)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

Dairy, from Northwest

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME SOPER-MIDDLETON HOUSE (THIS PART ADDED IN 1889)

LOCATION 5805 OLD BRANCH AVE CAMP SPRINGS, MD

FACADE E

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PHOTO TAKEN 12/10/73 H. DWYER



NAME SOPER-MIDDLETON HOUSE (MAIN HOUSE ADDED IN 1889)

LOCATION 5805 OLD BRANCH AVE. CAMP SPRINGS, MD.

FACADE S

PG. 76A-7

PHOTO TAKEN 12/10/73 M. DWYER



NAME SOPER-MIDDLETON HOUSE / ^{TOBACCO}BARN

LOCATION 5805 OLD BRANCH AVE CAMP SPRINGS, MD

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 12/10/73 M. DWYER

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NAME SOPER - MIDDLETON HOUSE / DAIRY

LOCATION 5805 OLD BRANCH AVE CAMP SPRINGS, MD

FACADE SE

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